

Attendees

Chip Kneavel, Chair **DelDOT** Peter Haag, Co-Chair **DelDOT** Tracy L Condon **DSP** Ken Grant **AAA** Richard Klepner **OHS DelDOT** Linda Osiecki DOE Michael Wagner Amy Wilburn Citizen

Member Absent

Louie Phillips AHA

DelDOT Support Staff

Maria Andaya DelDOT

Farzana Atique McCormick Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair, Mr. Chip Kneavel.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Andaya said that Ms. Jeanine Kleimo of Dover Interfaith Housing Ministry unfortunately couldn't make it to today's meeting. Upon the motion of Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Haag, the subcommittee approved to delete Item IV (Discussion with Jeanine Kleimo) from the Agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 18, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Upon the motion of Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Grant, the subcommittee approved the minutes from the October 18th meeting.

IV. EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

- A. **Reflective Strips.** Lt. Condon brought up the discussion from the last meeting about giving out reflective strips through organizations like Connections. Lt. Condon said that adhesive strips are especially useful on jackets because they are not washed often and a lot of people wear the same one everyday. Mr. Kneavel showed everybody sample reflective adhesive strips. He said he will look at other options available and will show them to the subcommittee at the next meeting. Once the subcommittee agrees on the kind of reflective strips, Mr. Kneavel will make a presentation to the Council for funding.
- B. **OHS Campaign**. Mr. Klepner told the subcommittee about their effort last year reaching out to transit riders. They contracted with a promotion agency to ride DART busses along high pedestrian crash routes and hand out reflective strips and information regarding pedestrian safety. They went on six routes and made contact with around 600 people. The advantage of this undertaking is having a captured audience.



- C. **Share the Road Safety Class.** Ms. Andaya reported that she will be meeting with the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration to conduct further investigation on this. Mr. Klepner asked that he, and possibly Lt. Condon, be included in this project.
- D. **Pedestrian Fatalities.** Mr. Klepner said we saw an uptick in December 2018 with 7 pedestrian fatalities. And we already have 2 this month. That's 9 fatalities in 6-7 weeks.
- E. **Driving at night.** Ms. Wilburn shared some information to the group about nighttime driving. She said that according to the NHTSA, you begin to overdrive your headlights on low beam between 35 mph and 40 mph. At 40 mph, it takes 189 feet to stop on average. Low beams can only illuminate the road for around 160 feet.
- F. **Awareness Test**. Ms. Wilburn also suggested to the group to take the Awareness Test on YouTube and to check out Ireland's efforts to reduce traffic crashes.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS

Ms. Andaya said to table this item for another meeting to give the group time to go over the Delaware Pedestrian Action Plan first.

VI. OTHER ITEMS

- A. The Revised Defensive Driving Regulations should be out by August as per DMV.
- B. Mr. Grant announced that AAA will be launching a campaign called "INTEXTICATED".
- C. Ms. Wilburn asked if law enforcement officers are up to date with traffic laws. Lt. Condon said that traffic laws are taught at the academy but she also make it a point to emphasize the importance of their enforcement at their regular meetings with traffic lieutenants.
- VIII. <u>ADJOURN.</u> Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am. A doodle poll will be sent out for the next meeting.